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	10/828,639	BECKER ET AL.	
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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 11-28 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 11-28 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☒ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | Paper No(s)/Mail Date. ____ |
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Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 11-28 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Becker et al (5,439,709) alone or in combination with Aneja (5,837,370).

Becker et al ["Becker"] disclose lubricating oil compositions for textile fibers for the production of carded yarns which comprise 60-90 % by weight of C₈ to C₂₂ fatty acid methyl esters, 5-39.95 % by weight of emulsifiers, 0.05 to 10% by weight of homopolymers and/or copolymers of esters of acrylic and/or methacrylic acids, and 0 to 10% by weight of other conventional lubricant additives. Becker teaches that the fatty acid methyl esters are commercially available products which are produced by esterification of the free fatty acid by methods known per se or by transesterification of fatty acid triglycerides with methanol, generally in the presence of acidic catalysts. Suitable natural fatty acid triglycerides include coconut oil, soybean oil, rapeseed oil, sunflower oil, palm oil and tallow. Accordingly, methyl esters of unsaturated and/or saturated C₁₂-C₂₂ fatty acids such as lauric acid, oleic acid, stearic acid, behenic acid, linoleic acid and linolenic acid may be used in the invention of Becker. See column 1, line 51 to column 2, line 2. Thus the examiner is of the position that the lubricant compositions of Becker clearly meet the limitations of the claimed lubricant compositions which contain 50-95% by weight of a mixture of C₆ to C₂₂ fatty acid methyl esters. Although some of

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the specific fatty acids of the dependent claims are not set forth in Becker such as lauric acid (C₁₂), myristic acid (C₁₄) and palmitic acid (C₁₆), they are examples of saturated and unsaturated fatty acids having 6-22 carbon atoms which may be derived from natural triglycerides. Becker teaches that suitable textile fibers are of natural and/or synthetic origin including wool. See column 4, lines 59-62. Applicants' invention may differ in independent claim 1 by claiming a process for lubricating wool for combed wool sliver production. However, such a process is set forth in Aneja wherein slivers of wool suitable for processing on a worsted or woollen system are lubricated. See column 1. Thus the examiner is of the position that the claimed invention is clearly taught by Becker alone or in combination with Aneja.

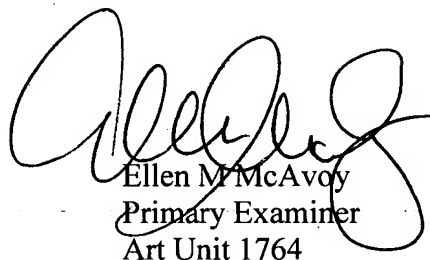
Conclusion

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicants' disclosure.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Ellen M. McAvoy whose telephone number is (571) 272-1451. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F (7:30-5:00) with alt. Fridays off.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Glenn Caldarola can be reached on (571) 272-1444. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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